

Washington, D.C. – The U.S. House of Representative's Natural Resources Committee today unanimously approved H.R. 1471, legislation to expand the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site in Plains, Ga. Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. (GA-02) introduced the legislation earlier this year.

The Committee also approved a Manager's Amendment to H.R. 1471 that would allow the park to accept land donations in the Plains community.

"The Jimmy Carter National Historic Site does a remarkable job of helping people to understand the values that shaped this great Georgian," Bishop said. "This bill will ensure that the site will continue to inspire generations of visitors, as well as grow and positively impact the economies of Plains and Sumter County through increased opportunities for tourism."

In summary, the bill seeks to expand the national historic site's authorized boundaries from 15 acres to 18 acres and would allow the National Park Service to acquire several additional properties for the park, including a house that the Carter family lived in from 1956-1961. Additionally, the legislation would redesignate the park from a national historic site to a national historical park and would direct that the park preserve, and interpret, a southern agricultural-based rural community during the early to middle years of the 20th century.

The bill now goes before the full House for consideration.